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To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: SEE ATTACHED LIST (T. AIZONO et al)

For:
TRANSPORT SYSTEM

Enclosed are:



22 Sheets of Drawings



This application is being filed without an executed Declaration.



Priority is claimed from Japanese Application No. 11-366247 filed December 24, 1999. A certified copy is attached herewith.



Copies of the disclosure documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 form and discussed in the specification or attached Information Disclosure Statement.



A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27.



Specification: Abstract , Description 51 pages; and 20 claim(s).



Preliminary Amendment.



Executed Declaration.

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